

### Amendments to the Specification:

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On page 8, please replace the paragraph starting on line 3 with the following replacement paragraph:

--The exertion of pressure causes the elastically compliant spring elements 3 to be pressed outwards in the direction of the arrows labeled A. This causes the inside width of the squeeze basket 5 to be enlarged. The downward pressure directed in the direction of the bottom of the bucket 13 is absorbed by supports 4 which connect bottom 7 and mounting frame 6. In contrast to spring elements 3, which are subjected to a bending force when pressure is exerted on the cleaning element 12, supports 4 are subjected to tensile stress. During the pressing, their shape does not change. The wringing device can be affixed to the mop bucket 13 with the aid of holding lugs 2. These holding lugs 2 engage an upper rim of a top lip 14 of the bucket 13, making it possible to lock the wringing device to the mop bucket 13. Three holding lugs are preferred, making it possible to attach the wringing device in a side area of the mop bucket 13 and leave sufficient room to submerge the cleaning element 12. The embodiment of the wringing device shown in the drawings can be manufactured in a cost-effective manner as a plastic injection molded part. In Figure 1, the spring elements 3 are shown tapering sharply to the bottom but with the same wall thickness. A further improvement can be obtained if the spring elements 3 have a different cross-section or a different profile in their extension between the bottom and mounting frame. As a result, it is possible to produce opposing forces of varying strength of the spring elements 3 within the squeeze basket 5 as a function of their height in the squeeze basket 5 when the cleaning element 12 is pressed in. Since supports 4 of funnel-shaped receptacle 1 limit the downward movement when the cleaning element 12 is pressed in, an overexpansion of the spring elements 3 is prevented. In the embodiment shown in the drawings, the spring elements 3 and the supports 4 are arranged with interspacing. In Figure 2, it is clearly recognizable that a lateral surface part of a hollow cone of roughly equal size, i.e., supports 4, is arranged between each spring element 3 as a support. The circle segment covered in each case by the spring elements 3 and supports 4 may also be of varying size. Thus, it may be advantageous if the circle segment of the supports 4 undercuts the spring elements 3, as a result of which even those strands 11 of the cleaning element 12 that reach between the spring elements 3 and supports 4 when the mop is inserted are squeezed out.--.

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A wringing device for cleaning elements of wet and moist mops, the wringing device having a liquid-permeable receptacle (1) configured to be affixed to a container and to wring a cleaning element upon exertion of pressure, the receptacle having deformable wall parts (3) and configured such that an inside width of the receptacle changing when the cleaning element is pressed in due to an effective compressive force of the pressure, wherein the wall parts at least prior to deformation are in the form of spring elements (3), a portion of the spring elements (3) facing an inside of the receptacle at least prior to deformation having a ~~with~~ convex curvature, which can be deformed by the compression force for enlarging the inside width.
2. (Original) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the curvature of the spring elements (3) can be reduced by compressing the cleaning element, using the compression force.
3. (Original) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the spring elements (3) in a funnel-shaped receptacle (1) form a tulip-shaped, downward-tapering squeeze basket (5).
4. (Original) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the receptacle (1) has a bottom (7) connected to a mounting frame (6) by supports (4), an upper end (8) of each spring element (3) being joined to the mounting frame (6) and a lower end (9) of each spring element being joined to the bottom (7).
5. (Original) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the receptacle (1) is formed as an injection molded part made of a polymer material.

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~[[The]]~~ wringing device according to Claim 4, for cleaning elements of wet and moist mops, the wringing device having a liquid-permeable receptacle (1) configured to be affixed to a container and to wring a cleaning element upon exertion of pressure, the receptacle having deformable wall parts (3) and an inside width of the receptacle changing when the cleaning element is pressed in due to an effective compressive force of the pressure, wherein the wall parts at least prior to deformation are in the form of spring elements (3) with convex curvature, which can be deformed by the compression force for enlarging the inside width,
- wherein the receptacle (1) has a bottom (7) connected to a mounting frame (6) by supports (4), an upper end (8) of each spring element (3) being joined to the mounting frame (6) and a lower end (9) of each spring element being joined to the bottom (7), and
- wherein the supports (4) are designed to be rigid and the spring elements (3) are designed to be flexible.
7. (Original) The device according to Claim 4, wherein the bottom (7) has openings (10).
8. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 4, wherein holding lugs (2) are formed on the mounting frame (6) and are configured to affix the receptacle (1) to a rim of a mop bucket (11).
9. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 4, wherein the spring elements (3) and the supports (4) are arranged radially around the bottom (7) with interspacing, a water passage opening being formed between each spring element and lateral surface part.
10. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 4, wherein the spring elements (3), seen in a direction of their extension, have a different cross-section or a different profile between the mounting frame (6) and the bottom (7).

11. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 3, wherein a funnel is located at an insertion opening of the squeeze basket.
12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for wet and moist mopping comprising a scrub mop with a mop head having liquid-absorbing strands, a mop bucket to accommodate cleaning liquid, a funnel-shaped receptacle that can be affixed to the mop bucket for squeezing out the liquid absorbed by the strands of the scrub mop, wherein the receptacle (1) has ~~convexly curved~~ spring elements (3) which form a tulip-shaped downwards tapering squeeze basket (5) in which the mop head can be inserted from above and the liquid can be wrung out of the strands by compression, said spring elements (3) configured such that said compression enlarging an inside width of the receptacle, a portion of the spring elements facing an inside of the receptacle having a convex curvature.